Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2022

LOCATION: City Hall CALLED TO ORDER: 8:09 AM MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:34 AM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Heidi Butts-Wiegand		Х
Joshua Tonnies	X	
Alison Kinderfather	X	
Chris Westmeyer	Х	
Julie Campbell		Χ
Jeff Sanders	X	
Julia Leenig	X	
David Franklin, Council Liaison		Χ
Eric Peterson, City Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:

Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Jeff Sanders, seconded by Chris Westmeyer, and was unanimously approved.

Streetscape Project

A project timeline and a date for the design meeting is expected from Ray Gawlik, South Area Engineer; St. Louis County. Once the design process gets started, there will be a page on the St. Louis County website that will contain Streetscape Project updates.

Ordinance

A building owner in the District is looking to have residential tenants on the second floor of their building along with associated residential parking (day and overnight). Currently, residential is exempt from the District special taxes. Various aspects of the District's ordinance would require discussion.

FY2024 Budget

- Eric Peterson confirmed with Commission Members snow removal services provided by the Parks Department have been removed from the District's Cold Season Maintenance.
- The manner in which Park Department part-time hours for services performed for the
 District has been changed. Part-time hours were removed from the District's budget
 and will be tracked incrementally and added back in as they occur. This improved
 tracking will reduce the amount transferred out to the Parks Department.
- All Commission Members are encouraged to provide input on the City's budget via the Balancing Act Software found on the City's website; https://www.webstergrovesmo.gov/100/Budget

Trash Cans

Currently working with St. Louis County to be able to have trash cans on the sidewalk, which is their right of way. At this time, there are no trash cans on the sidewalks in the District.

Business Development Commission (BDC) Update

BDC Business Coffee – The Coffee is set for May 17th at the Rec Center; 8:30 – 10:30 AM. The BDC is looking for input from Webster Groves business owners in an effort to determine BDC's next steps; what should they pursue, how should the ARP funding be used, etc. The coffee will be in an informal format with stations on various topics. The Sustainability Commission will be represented at one of the stations talking about their Green Dining District Initiative. In addition to the three Special Business Districts which have commissions that meet monthly, there are approximately 18 additional commercial business areas. The gathering provides an avenue for business owners in those areas to also gather and provide input.

District/City/Council Update

- City Council work on the budget continues.
- Departments will be submitting tactical goals associated with strategic planning to City Council.
- Part of the Strategic Plan will be an economic development component.

Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 8:34 AM.